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7. — *Poems*. By the Author of "A Life for a Life," "John Halifax, Gentleman," etc. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1860. pp. 270.

MANY of these poems have been floating hither and thither on this side of the water for some time. It is pleasant to find their authorship, so long unclaimed, resting at last on one so favorably known to the public. Collected, revised, and largely added to, they form a pretty volume, which breathes, from its first page to its last, the same gentle truthfulness which makes the chief charm of Miss Muloch's novels. In spite of the variety of subject, there is great uniformity of treatment, and few of the poems rise into the region of the upper ether; but they have other merit, which gives them interest. Some of them are eminently household verses, fitted to come pleasantly before the memory in the pauses of home avocations, and to echo the sentiments of daily life. The most pretentious among them are the least successful, and many of them betray carelessness of construction and deficiency of melody. The little ballad of "Lettice" is one of the most finished, and unites great pathos with quite dramatic piquancy. As a whole, the volume will not add materially to Miss Muloch's reputation, but, from its geniality and sympathy, will still farther endear her to those who already know her through her other works.

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8. — *New Miscellanies*. By CHARLES KINGSLEY, Rector of Eversley. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1860. pp. 375.

THE subjects brought under discussion in this new collection of articles by Mr. Kingsley are chiefly of a practical character, and exhibit him, not only as a critic upon the literary merit of the works which he reviews, but also as a keen observer of the operation of the theories involved in them. The pressing necessity for a wide sanitary reform seems to have come home to his mind with peculiar force, and in examining the arguments of others upon this matter, he gives us a brilliant and concise *résumé*, which embodies in a few lines the pith of many voluminous pamphlets. Through the sparkling satire and trenchant rebuke of the first article in the volume there flows a vein of strong good sense and calm conviction which shows the writer to be thoroughly grounded in his premises. Several of the other articles revolve around the same central subject, and present a long array of facts which vindicate the great importance of prompt reform in sanitary regulations. The arguments apply, of course, most directly to the crowded population of the Old World; but even to us, dwellers in a newer land, they speak